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POLITICS GETS OFF TO LATE START

TM SUBMITS DETAILED \$87,000 HIGHWAY BUDGET

Town Manager Joseph Courtney, Monday night, submitted a detailed Highway department budget for 1955 to the Board of Selectmen. As submitted there was a sum of \$87,000 supplementary to the regular budget the supplementary sum being the total sum that would be needed for the new streets previously proposed for acceptance.

The regular highway budget was approximately \$40,000, but it was not complete, as Chapters 90 and 81 work, snow removal, etc., was deferred until the next meeting.

He had the figures so arranged that there could be no doubt as to what the proposals meant in the terms of money.

Pointing to the loss of several thousand dollars in appropriations for the 1954 budget, because of 'confusion', Courtney stated no such confusion would arise this year.

His budget was divided in to several parts, basic costs, highway maintenance, specified jobs, new streets, etc. The new streets, he planned a regular warrant article, and in addition he proposed a list of streets for another warrant article, streets which have been accepted in the past, but never surface treated.

Courtney stated that he felt that the town lost money by not surface treating these streets. Each year saw these streets being graveled and then scraped several times, and each scraping had two effects—it took time that the men could be spending elsewhere and it took off the gravel, so that in the long run the street was dusty when it was dry, and full of ruts in wet weather.

One of the main reasons for not oiling these roads in the past was the thought that the later installation of water would tear up the street. But, he said, the people have to wait for a long time for water, and it is on a dusty street that they wait. He proposed, if water was later installed, to 'patch' and then apply a 'mix in place' surface. In this list of streets



INCUMBENT

MRS. WAVIE DREW

Present chairman of the Board of Selectmen, seeking election for the third term Gold Star Mother, and chairman of the Wilmington Town Republican Committee.



CHALLENGER

FRANK HAGERTY

Present chairman of the Board of Health, and a previous candidate for Selectman. Employed as an Industrial Engineer at J. W. Greer.



CHALLENGER

RAYMOND A. HARRINGTON

Newcomer in the political field, but well known in town is Raymond Harrington, a partner of the Harrington Brothers Service Station. Active in Veterans and civic affairs.



INCUMBENT

JOSEPH H. WOODS

Seeking his third term on the Board of Selectmen, a past Commander of District 5 and the Wilmington Post of the American Legion. Employed by the B&MRR, with 43 years service in the Accounting Department.

the TM included Cook Ave., Essex Street, Cunningham Street, Birchwood Road, Sprucewood Road, North St., Faulkner Rd, Davis Rd, Oakwood Rd, Border Ave., Cedar Ave., Silver Lake Ave., Kendall St., Davis Street, Judith Road, Dobson Street, Brattle Street, Broad St., Norfolk Ave., Dorchester St, Fairfield Road, Highland St, Oak Street, Pinewood Road, Pineview Road, Lang Street, Bancroft Ave., and Hardin Ave.

What the TM called 'basic costs' would cover the cost of garaging, tools, etc. It would come, he said, to \$8723 and could not be reduced or eliminated.

His 'Specific Job' proposal came to \$21,000 and covered drainage, surface treatment of some streets, construction and sidewalks.

\$8600 was allocated in the proposal for drainage work on Ballardvale St., Bridge Lane, Cochran Road, Games Street, Jones Avenue and Chestnut Street.

\$4970 was allocated for surface treatment of Corey Ave., Cypress St., Grand St, Jacquith Road, Powderhouse Circle, Rollins Road, Suncrest Avenue, Union Street, Warren Rd, and Wightman Rd.

\$5770 was allocated for proposed construction on Carter Lane, Fairfield Road, and Fay Street.

\$660 was allocated for sidewalk work on Middlesex Avenue from the North Wilmington R.R. Station to

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MONSIGNOR CARROLL TO SPEAK AT SPORTS NITE, JAN. 20TH

The Right Reverend Monsignor John J. Carroll, Director of the Catholic Youth Organization for the Archdiocese of Boston, will be one of the principal speakers at the Sports Nite to be held in Villanova Hall on January 20th.

Monsignor Carroll, a great sportsman in his own right, and a very fine speaker, has spent his life working among the Catholic youth.

Others to appear on the program include Johnny Pesky, one of the Red Sox all-time greats, a man who has consistently hit .300 for over 13 years; Tony DeMarco, one of the gamest fighters in the world in the Welterweight division, Mike Holovac, of Boston College fame, now the Coach in Football at that college and Mike Flaherty, head coach of the University of Milan, Italy. Mr. Flaherty who does not speak a word of Italian, is the coach of the only undefeated and untied football team in the world, and is presently in the United States through the good offices of the Holy Name Society.

Moving pictures are also shown of the Red Sox, in action.

CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN EVENING SCHOOL SCHEDULES

The classes in the Wilmington Practical Arts Evening School, in Wilmington High School, have been changed in scheduled times. Principal Harland Whittredge has announced.

Under the new schedule there will be no Monday evening classes. The upholstery class is now on Tuesday, the rug braiding and Americanization classes on Wednesday, and the tailoring and bookkeeping classes on Thursday. The Wednesday bookkeeping class is unchanged.

WILMINGTON SKATERS COP CONNECTICUT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Members of the Wilmington Skating Club have returned from the Connecticut Open Speed Skating Championship with four Connecticut titles, two second places and a third, won last Sunday.

Mrs. Janet Tighe, North American champion in four separate events, won the 220 yard, 440 yard, 880 yard, and 1 mile championships of Connecticut for Senior Women.

Jeanne Ashworth, holder of four North American titles, won the Intermediate Girls Championships in the 220 440, and 880 yard events.

The Pee Wee Girls Championship was won by Nancy Weinberg. Barbara Maloney of Birchwood Road placed second in this event.

Miss Celia Spear, Hillside Way, took second prizes in the 220 and 440 yard events for Juvenile Girls.

Miss Evelyn Shepherd of Chestnut Street came in third in the 220 yard race for Juvenile Girls.

Clyde McKaba, Mike Weinberg and Eddie Palino succeeded in placing for the finals, but won no prizes.

It is expected that all of the Wilmington champions will make an appearance, and perhaps an exhibition, at their rink, for the Wilmington Skating Carnival Saturday.

B & M TO HAVE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FOR SILVER SKATES DERBY

The Boston & Maine Railroad has announced that they will again have special transportation, from the Wilmington R.R. station, for the Silver Skates Derby in Boston, on Sunday January 29th.

The Silver Skates, held in Boston Garden, is always

attended by hundreds of skating fans, persons who are 'rooters' of the Wilmington Skating Club.

Train 3006 of the B & M will make a stop at Wilmington at 11:00 a.m., and will have several extra cars, in order that the Wilmington skaters can get to the Garden well ahead of the event. It is due to arrive at North Station at 11:30 a.m.

The train that regularly leaves Wilmington at 12:12 p.m., will also have several extra cars, for the skating fans.

Returning, a train that leaves Boston at 6:00 p.m. (NO. 3009) will make a special stop at Wilmington at 6:20 p.m. This train, too, will have extra cars.

The round trip fare will be 94 cents, including tax.



CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

Atty. Simon Cutter, present Moderator of Wilmington, who is a candidate for re-election. Active in civic affairs, he was the chairman of the first Wilmington Housing Authority board. He is opposed by Harold McKelvey of Border Avenue.

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VOTING BLIND

Every year, in the Annual Town Meeting, the
largest sum voted is that for the support of
the Public Schools. The money to be voted is
merely a couple of sets of figures, and that
is that. It is voted without too much ado.

It has always been significant, in recent
years, that the people of this town were al-
ways ready to support any move to better the
educational standards of the town. When a new
school is needed, the money is voted. When
the school budget is presented the money is
voted. Hardly any questions are ever asked.

Yet, at the same time, there are some rumb-
lings, from some of our voters, about this
very situation. They point at the School Bud-
get, tell you that it is the largest single
item in money value, in the Town Meeting, and
that no one knows anything about it, when they
vote the money. 'Voting Blind' is one man's
expression.

It wasn't always thus. Fifty years ago, and
even later, the School Budget was an item for
debate, in Town Meeting. The costs of the in-
dividual schools, the salaries of the individ-
ual teachers were listed, and may be seen to-
day, in such Town Reports as still remain
from that period.

Today everything has changed. Whether or not
this represents progress is something that we
are not prepared to state. We, frankly, have
been unable to make up our mind on the subject.
Our professional educators and our school
committees (and we are not necessarily speak-
ing of Wilmington alone,) today feel that the
salary paid to an individual teacher is some-
thing personal, not to be made public. We can
agree, at least partly, that they are right,
but we can see another side too. As things
now stand, even the Finance Committee has a
difficult time on this subject. It is, as far
as we can see, a taboo subject.

Our school committee has recently voted an
increase in teacher's salaries. They had a
very good reason for doing this--that is there
is a shortage of teachers, and the way to at-
tract not only the best teachers, but enough
teachers, is to pay a wage that will attract
them. Starting Sept 1, 1956, the starting
salary of a teacher in the Wilmington Public
Schools is \$3000.00.

This is, we can safely say \$100.00 more than
starting teachers get in some of the adjoining
towns. In view of the shortage of teachers,
we have no fight with this provision, for the
town would indeed be in a serious predicament
if, on the opening of school in September,
there were no teachers!

But we hear arguments that this represents a
10 month year, and that many teachers, during
July and August, augment their income by sum-
mer jobs. Such is often the case. Also, it

must be remembered, many teachers, during the
summer time are attending summer schools, to
increase their own teaching capacity. The
argument works both ways.

Another point that we sometimes hear discussed
is that while the teacher's salary is shown as
a certain sum it is quite frequently another
sum, because of the so-called 'extra-curri-
cular' activities--that is there is a football
coach, a baseball coach, assistants, and other
activities of a similar nature, which pay addi-
tional money.

Our man in the street can argue that to say
that a teacher is getting only \$3000.00, when
he is getting another \$300.00 for extra acti-
vities isn't exactly presenting the facts
squarely. We for one don't begrudge the teach-
er's the extra money that they earn, for they
earn it, but we can agree with the voter who
says he doesn't quite know where his money is
going.

We are not trying, by any means, to imply that
our school committee, by itself, is at fault.
If there is fault it is statewide for all
school committees in Massachusetts today act
on the same premise. But, we do say that our
voters are a little confused, when it comes to
the voting of the largest single item on the
town's budget.

A school budget is made up every year, by the
School Committee. It is a long tedious job,
one that takes weeks. After it has been ad-
opted the School Committee is still loathe to
release it, for the reason they say they have
been asked by the Finance Committee not to do
so. Our school budget this year, was approved
by the School Committee on Dec. 12th. It is
still being tightly kept, because the Finance
Committee has so requested. If a citizen were
to ask for a copy he would probably get none,
until after the Finance Committee and the
School Committee have met.

It just so happens that the School Budget is
public property, so that the reluctant attitude
of both committees isn't exactly what an Eng-
lishman would call 'Cricket'.

Then after it is all over, we can hear mem-
bers of the Finance Committee complain pri-
vately about the expense of the schools. It
is a complaint that doesn't get too much sym-
pathy from our ears, for they are part of what
amounts to a conspiracy to keep the costs sec-
ret. The members of the Finance Committee can
get support, if they feel it is necessary, from
the voters, but it is pretty hard for a man to
support an argument, if he knows nothing about
the sides of the argument.

WATER EXTENSIONS 1956

At the risk of being repetitious, we again pub-
lish in this column some thoughts on Water Ex-
tensions in 1956. Some of our thoughts have
been stated before, and may even bore the
reader.

As is probably well known throughout the town,
both the Water Extension Committee and the
Water Board have voted that future water exten-
sions, including those of 1956, should be in-
stalled on the Betterment plan, which means
that the abutting, landowners will pay for the
installation, in payments running over a per-
iod of years. For an average house lot this
might cost \$25.00 a year, for 10 years, and
would be paid in the same manner as taxes.

The Water Extension Committee, it should also
be noted, has called for re-submission of all
applications for water extensions dated before
Jan 1, 1955. This was done in order to bring
all applications up to date, with regards to
such pertinent information as number of houses
on a street, etc. If the people on a street
who applied for water several years ago do not
submit a new application there is a good chance
that they will lose out, then their turn comes
to be considered. All applications should be
submitted by noon, Jan. 16th.

A further item of information which might be
mentioned at this time is the present thoughts
of the Water Extension Committee, the Water
Commissioners and others concerning these old
extensions which have been waiting for so many
years.

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At the present time the trend of thought with these gentlemen is that it might very well be a wise thing to have the town take out a bond issue large enough to complete all or a great part of the present requested extensions. The final decision has not yet been made, but it might well prove to be this.

If this should be done there could be a chance for the Water Department to catch up, in its work, and become self-sufficient at the same time!

Which, we think, our citizens might very well be pleased to hear.

POLITICS AND NO POLITICS

We seem to have two interesting conditions developing in Wilmington, for the March elections. We have two boards of elected officials, for which there is, at least at this writing, a dearth of candidates.

The Wilmington Housing Authority is the first of these. This is the board that has control of the publicly owned dwellings on Wildwood Street, opposite the Wildwood School.

The initial flurry and inertia that accompanies a new task is all gone. Gone are the arguments, the discussions. The workmen and the contractors have left, the buildings and their occupants remain, and the Wilmington Housing Authority is now a glorified landlord, for the next twenty years or so, or possibly forever.

Last December Mr. Gardene Ritchie, of the W.H.A. resigned. He had worked long and hard, and thought it was time for someone else to be elected in his place.

Now Mr. Ralph Currier has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election. That leaves two vacancies.

And, so far, no candidates.

The Wilmington School Committee isn't exactly in the same position, but so far, at least, there has been no announcements as to candidacy.

Miss Grimes and Mr. Lynch's terms expire this spring. Neither one, so far, has said a word about running again. Perhaps they are thinking things over, and perhaps they will run.

Anyway, so far there are no candidates.

ST. DOROTHY'S PARISH TO PRESENT 'FUN CAPADES'

The second annual show of St. Dorothy's parish, 'Fun Capades' is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday evenings Feb. 13th and 14th, in the Shawsheen School auditorium, in South Tewksbury. Al. Mitchell and his troupe have been engaged for the show. Tickets are now available from members of the cast.

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"THE PROPHET HOSEA" SERMON MEDITATION AT METHODIST CHURCH

Continuing with the theme of the Great Prophets, the Rev. Richard E. Harding, pastor of the local Methodist Church, will bring a sermon based on the Prophet Hosea on Sunday, January 15th at the 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

Last Sunday the members and friends of the church shared in the life and message of the Prophet Amos presented by Mr. Harding in an autobiographical manner. He feels that it is important that these great men of the old Testament come alive, and that their message be heard again in our day. This sermon theme on the prophets will continue through the last Sunday in January at which time the prophet many consider closest to Jesus, Jeremiah, will be the morning message.

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PACK 58 HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION

The annual election of officers of Cub Pack 58 was held last Wednesday evening at the Center School.

Present to witness the affairs of the evening were District Commissioner Anthony Meads and Institutional Representative James Shine.

Elected to lead the pack for 1956 were Cubmaster Ted Chiricos, Assistant Cub Masters John Boeri, Frank King and Gilbert Masse; Pack Chairman James McCue, Treasurer Thomas Hamilton and Secretary Alice E. Barry.

Other members of the Pack Committee for the year are: Mel Cassidy, Leo Cormier, James Luke, William O'Leary, Elsie Eaton, Gerry Mutchler and Mary Bowen. Also Den Mothers: Jean Hill, Jo Carlson, Julia Cassidy, Jo Fairbrother, Margaret French, Ellie O'Leary, Alice Barry, Mary Luke and Maxine Masse.

Appointed by the Chairman were Alice Barry and Frank King in charge of publicity and Frank King in charge of transportation.

After the election, plans were made for the regular Pack Meeting to be held Friday, January 27th at 7:15 p.m. at the Silver Lake Betterment Hall. The theme for this month will be Pirates. Skits and Displays by the Cubs will be presented. Parents are reminded that at least one of them must accompany their boy to the pack meetings.

Chairman James McCue wishes to thank all those who helped in any way last year and hopes that they continue their cooperation during the coming year.

A Committee Meeting will be held at the Center School on Tuesday, January 17th, at 8:00 p.m. to make plans for scouting activities during February.

BOARD OF HEALTH ORDERS EVACUATION OF TWO 'SHACKS'

Two domiciles which the Wilmington Board have judged

as not fit for human habitation have been ordered evacuated, by that Board. The orders were adopted in last Thursday's meeting.

In one case the inhabitants were given three months to find a new home. Their present home is a rented one, very small and without many of the facilities that would be found in a modern home. In the other case the inhabitants were given six months to find new quarters.

The two buildings are not located in close proximity to each other.

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George Vokey and assoc. to Herbert N Anderson and wife Lloyd Road

Under Land Registration Act Lottie Hamblen to Louis F Salemme, Sherwood and Baldwin Roads.

JAN 27TH LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINATION PAPERS IN TOWN HALL

Town Clerk Mrs Mary Gilligan has stated that candidates for political office who intend to file their nomination papers in the Town Hall have until 5pm of January 27th to do so.

Nomination papers must be filed first with the Board of Registrars, and afterwards with the Town Clerk. The last day to make the second filing is Feb 4th

at 5 pm, and this filing must be done by the candidate or his representative.

After the second filing candidates may still withdraw their papers, until Feb. 7th.

Election is to be on March 3rd, and the annual Town Meeting on March 10th.

METHODIST HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM PLAY OLD- TIMERS OF THE CHURCH

The High School Basketball team of the Wilmington Methodist Church, coached by Bob Smith played a group of men from the church last Thursday evening in the Wildwood School. Representing the 'old-timers' as the boys like to call them were, Ted Wicks, Ralph Garland, Carl Smallidge, Frank McLean, Cliff Smith, Bob Peters, and the Rev. Richard Harding. Playing for the High schoolers were, Phil Tupper, Billy Tupper, Paul Butt, Bernie Nally, Bob Cornish, Burt Sell, Ed Sawyer, and John Brown. Ted Nelson was there to spur the High School boys on.

The game was hard fought and the boys closed a fifteen point lead, nearly winning the game which they lost 64-63. The 'old-timers' knew what the boys meant by calling them such a name at the end of the game.

The High School team will play the High School team of the West Medford Church on Thursday evening of this week in West Medford.

PTA MEETS MONDAY

The newly rejuvenated Wilmington Parent Teachers Association is to meet Monday evening, with a Membership supper, in the High School cafeteria, starting at 6pm

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE OCCUPATIONAL LECTURES

What do you want to do? was the basic theme of a series of lectures given to interested students, during this week, in Wilmington High School.

Arthur M. Goddard, City Auditor of Melrose spoke in the High School, on Tuesday, about occupations in auditing and accounting.

Wednesday interested students had their choice of three speakers. Mrs. Helene Loux, Medical Technologist of the Winthrop Community Hospital spoke on Medical Technology as a career for girls. Dr. Elmer H. Cutts, Professor of History and Government in the College of Liberal Arts at Northeastern University addressed interested students on 'Why go to a Liberal Arts College', and Roland R. Darling, Assistant Director of Admissions at Northeastern University spoke to interested students on 'Learn while you earn jobs', covering such subjects as 'How to get into the Apprentice courses at General Electric', 'How to learn while you earn at Filene's' and 'Learning while working for the United States Government'.

JUNIOR CDA TO HAVE RECORD HOP

The Junior CDA will sponsor a Record Hop, featuring Allan Dary, well known disc jockey, on Friday, January 27th, at 8 p.m. Miss Carmel Gillis is the head of the ticket committee.

PRIZE WINNERS AT ST. DOROTHY'S WHIST

James Rothwell, of Davis Road was the winner of the special prize, at the St. Dorothy's whist party in St. Dorothy's hall, last Friday evening. Other prize winners included Arthur Lawrence, Grace Brabant Peggy Lee, Marion Woller, Evelyn Morrice, Elizabeth Gath, John Baldwin, Doris

Dame, Anthony Coviello, Nellie O'Reilly, Martha Gray, Lillian Chapman, Mary Sottile, Gertrude Baldwin, Louise Thomas, Adeline Cochrane, Esther Lincoln, Phyllis Fraser, Adeline Riley, John Charneck, Alice Carroll and William Hennessey.

The party was well attended, and was very successful. On the committee were Mrs. Louis Nolan, Mrs. William Wagstaff, Mrs. Edwin Forrest Sr., Mrs. Lawrence Cushing, Mrs. Richard Lee, Mrs. Joseph Casey and Miss Patricia Cushing.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER FOR BENEFIT OF DENTAL CLINIC

The Wildwood School Mothers Club is sponsoring a spaghetti supper, in the school, at 6:30 p.m., January 23rd. Mrs. Marjorie LaRivee is in charge of the ticket committee.

ASSOCIATED PRINTED INKS OF TEWKSBURY INCORPORATES

A printing-ink company on Shawsheen Street, South Tewksbury, has taken out papers of incorporation, with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Arthur A. Minklein, 2254 Main Street, Tewksbury is president of the newly incorporated firm, which is known as the Associated Printing Inks, Inc.

The treasurer is Edward W. Willis, 90 Ballard Street, Tewksbury, and William H. Foreman, 1564 Main Street, Tewksbury, is the Clerk.

WORLD VISION INSTITUTE OF CHURCH COUNCIL TO HEAR REV. ROBERT HIBBARD SPEAK ON NEAR EAST

The second meeting in a series of four of the World Vision Institute sponsored by the Wilmington Area Council of Protestant Churches, will be held in the Wilmington Congregational Church, Sunday, January 15th at 6 p.m.

The Rev. Robert Hibbard presently of Boston uni-

versity, with study at Oxford University and Edinburgh University, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Hibbard will speak and show colored slides of the Near East. He and his wife travelled over 50,000 miles in 25 countries. Highlighting his travels was six weeks spent in the Near East where they travelled in the footpaths of Jesus and St. Paul. Such biblical names and places as Bethlehem, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Tiberias, Capernaum, Dead Sea, Garden of Gethsemane, Jerusalem, come alive and become more meaningful and understandable through his Kodachrome slide lecture. One of the interesting highlights of his presentation is the presentation of their trip through the ancient town of Luxor, Thebes and the Valley of the Kings in Southern Egypt. Here they viewed the ruins and remains of a civilization 3000 years before Christ which was considered to be the richest and most cultured civilization of the then known world.

With this section of the world playing such a prominent role in current events, such a meeting of this takes on added importance. Members of the Congregational Church will lead in the worship service and provide the refreshments. Mr. Hibbard will remain after the fellowship period to speak to all the young people of the represented churches.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Wilson J. Belbin and Assoc to Royal H. Evans, Jr and wife, Woburn Street Catherine Duggan to Paul Duggan and wife, Pinegrove Park

Alfred W. Huckins and wife to Robert W. Lemkin and wife, north of Suncrest Ave Rose M. Kilcup by Admx to Jacqueline M. Bogdan, Silver Lake Addition Wallace A La Valle and wife to Ralph E. Kinnear and wife, Crescent Street James A. Lyman and wife to



BLUE CRUTCH DAYS ARE COMING

Town Manager Joseph Courtney received the first Blue Crutch, in Wilmington, from Mrs. Alice Murphy, President of the American Legion Auxiliary last Monday evening, while Commander Thomas J. Breen watched. The Legion and its Auxiliary are planning to conduct the Blue Crutch day, to assist in the fight against Polio, on Jan. 13, 14th

Joseph Familitti and wife Linda Road

William Morella, Jr. and wife to Lawrence J. Kelly and wife, Concord Street James H. Shannon to Joseph A. DiCampo and wife, Garden Avenue

Harry J. Tovey and wife to Paul D. Von Kahle and wife, Burnap Street

Anthony J. Waisnor Jr. and wife to Herbert T. Coontz and wife, Glen Road

Anna Westhaver and assoc. to Virginia Samuelian, Oakland park

Under Land Registration Act Saverio Del Ninno to Lorraine M. Ellis, Oliver Street

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

North Branch meeting in the parish house on Thursday at 12 noon. Dessert served by Mrs. Gertrude Allgrove and Mrs. Mary Murphy.

Choir rehearsal on Thursday at 8 p.m., followed by a coffee hour at the parsonage at 9:00 p.m.

Junior High basketball Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., with Church School and Kindergarten. Junior Choir at 3:00 p.m. Quaintance Club at 5:00 p.m. World Vision Institute at 6:00 p.m.

Senior High basketball Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Girl Scouts Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.

Center Branch luncheon meeting at the home of Mrs. Ethel Baker on Wednesday, Jan. 18th, at 1 p.m. Bring aprons for the Spring sale.

Boy Scouts Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

NEW YEARS VISIT

Charles Robert Pilcher, Chief Quartermaster, U. S. Navy, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven J. Pilcher of Brand Avenue, arrived home on New Year's day for a week's visit. He is at present stationed at Norfolk, Virginia, but during his thirteen years of service in the Navy, he has been on duty in the Arctic, South America, on various islands and has served in the Pacific.

Births...

LONDON, Andrea Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Olin London, of Church Street, in Winchester Hospital Dec. 28th.

RAMSDELL, Jill Elaine, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ramsdell, of Glen Road, in Winchester Hospital, Dec. 21st.

MRS ARISTIDE BRABANT IN WINCHESTER HOSPITAL

Mrs. Aristide Brabant, Oak Street, North Wilmington, is in Winchester Hospital, with a broken hip, which she suffered last Friday when she slipped and fell, in the kitchen of her home. According to her physician, Dr. E. C. MacDougall, she will be confined in the hospital for at least one month, and probably longer.

AT RADAR SCHOOL

Seaman John E. Denehy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Denehy of 73 Lake Street, Tewksbury, is now attending a course of instruction at the Naval Radarman School at Norfolk, Virginia

DEAN KELLEY TO REMAIN ORGANIST OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Kenneth G. Kelley, Dean of Music Emeritus of Boston University, who accepted temporarily a position as Organist of the Congregational Church of Wilmington, for the Advent season, has announced that he has accepted the position permanently.

TEACHER IN HOSPITAL

Miss Mary Welling, a teacher of commercial subjects in the High School, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Welling of 10 Fay Street, spent her holiday from school in the Brooks Hospital in Brookline. Miss Welling came home last weekend and expects to be back to teaching soon.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL

Malcolm Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Jones of Burlington Avenue, is home from the Winchester Hospital where he had his appendix removed during his vacation from school. A senior in High School, Malcolm is reported to be recuperating nicely.

HIGHWAY PROGRAM

(From Front Page)

Regan park, on Wildwood Street, and on Woburn Street, (leading to the Wildwood School).

Town Engineer George Winters, who was present at the meeting, told the Selectmen that the purchase of three items of machinery would considerably reduce some costs. He proposes the purchase of a seer cleaning machine, which would cost \$900.00, and can clean sewer pipes for a distance of 500 feet. Pointing to a \$1000.00 item for drainage on Adams Street, near the High School, Winters declared that this one job alone would pay for the machine.

Winters also wants to have for the Highway Department a 'curbing machine' for the making of curbs along sidewalks, and the Town Manager is proposing \$8000.00 for a front end loader.

In connection with the construction of streets the TM declared that the best way to save money for the town, in the long run, is to build streets that will last for a period of years. This was brought out when the TM began to discuss the streets which he had listed as 'new streets' and which he also called 'bad news' because of the high cost of his program.

Listed as new streets were Parker Street extension, (requested by the School Committee to save money on bus transportation), Ledge-wood Road, Hilltop Road, Glenview, Chandler Road, Kelley Road, Carolyn Road, Gowing Road, Carter Street, Dunton Road and Fairmeadow Road. The most expensive of the Streets were Parker and Fairmeadow Road, and the total estimated cost came to \$87,000.00. If Parker and Fairmeadow Road were eliminated from the list the cost would come to \$54,000.00 the TM said.

He had no recommendations to make as to which streets were to be in the final list, but suggested that the Selectmen consider the question for the meeting next week. Last year, he told the Selectmen, the town spent \$1600 on this kind of work.

In the construction of new streets the TM proposes that a complete job be done at one time, street, grading, curbstones, drainage and surface treating. He realized, he said, that this costs more money at first, but he believes it saves money in the long run, once being done it does not then become a recurring expense.

The question of which streets should be chosen was discussed slightly by the Selectmen, with Joseph Woods pointing out that a logical way would be to go by the number of people on the streets. Nick DeFelice pointed out Dunton Road as being one of the streets that had waited longest to be accepted, and, at the same time was one of the most expensive.

Courtney had nothing to say as to the merits of the various streets but pointed out that by having

these cost estimates, closely worked out, the Selectmen would at least, not run into another 'Roosevelt Road situation'.

Betterments

Courtney was asked if he had any thoughts concerning the application of Betterments to the construction of these streets. 'My idea,' he said, 'is if we want to consider Betterments we should have a warrant article, so that it can be voted on, and we know how the town feels. It could be put in under my name, and precede the article on streets, so that the street article could be voted with knowledge of how the money is going to be raised. Of course, Betterments will still mean voting the money at this annual meeting, because we have to have the money to do the work. The money would come back to the town over a period of years'.

The talk then shifted to scheduling the streets listed as 'new streets' so that the work could be spread over a period of 5 to 6 years. Chairman Mrs. Drew was certain that it would have to be spread out, and the other members agreed with her, with Courtney pointing out that, under a Betterment program it might be possible to do the work in three years.

Other Business

Juror

The name of Harry J. Cutter, 17 Belmont Avenue, was drawn as a Juror, to serve in East Cambridge Court beginning on February 6th.

Bills

Selectman DeFelice had quite a time looking over the bills which the Selectmen signed Monday evening. He pointed out bills for repairs of police cruisers amounting to \$373.09, 'with I dare say \$273.00 of that for the new cruiser--just bought--what kind of a deal did we get?'

At another time DeFelice brought out bills that were dated in June and July, from local merchants. He wanted to know why it took so long to get payment approved. Accountant Robert Peters told DeFelice that the responsible department head had not submitted them until very recently, and that 'if it happens again he might have to pay for them himself'.

"Joe Must Go"

The Selectmen were told that the petition for a vote on the Town Charter now had the required number of signatures, and it was voted to notify the Town Clerk to have a provision in the ballots for the annual town meeting so that the question could be voted according to law.

WWBA

An invitation was received from the West Wilmington Betterment Association, which invited the Selectmen to their hall for a meeting



CLERGYMEN ATTEND WORLD VISION INSTITUTE

Four clergymen, at the Congregational Church, last Sunday, attending the World Vision Institute, sponsored by the Wilmington Area Council of Protestant Churches. L to R Rev. Stanley Cummings, Congregational Minister, his assistant, Mr. Wallace Reid, the Rev. Richard Harding of the Wilmington Methodist Church, and the Rev. Don Hickman of the Methodist Church of South Tewksbury.

Thursday at 8:30 p.m.
Transfers

A letter was received from the Finance Committee, stating that four transfers from the Reserve Account had been approved. \$275.00 was transferred to the Police-Fire Station Acct., \$120.00 to the Ambulance Acct., \$25.50 to the Parks Acct., and \$520.00 to Veterans Aid.

Ambulance

TM Courtney and Selectmen Woods and DeFelice took ten minutes, during the meeting to visit Gildart's Garage, where the Town Ambulance is now stored. The block has been cracked in three places, according to the TM, and the frame is so badly out of line that tire chains will not stay on. He thought that emergency action would be needed, to get another ambulance quickly.

Junk License

The Selectmen, among the licenses that were granted, granted one to the General Salvage Inc. Company to conduct a junk business on a tract of land on Lower Woburn Street, land which they had just purchased. Mr. John Hutchinson, of the company, told the Selectmen that they had purchased this land so as to transfer their business from its present location on Nichols Street, and that he has already applied for a building permit.

Water

Terming the budget for 1956 'unhappy so far', TM Courtney told the Selectmen that he is going to recommend a bond issue, for water extensions, to take care of the worst two inch water mains in town, together with a large part of the requested water extensions 'even if it looks uneconomic'. He told the Board that the Water Extension Committee and the Water Board had both voted for Betterments to be applied to water extensions, and that with this in mind he thought it better to

clean up a lot of past business, which would include the 2000 foot gap on Woburn Street, so as to give better circulation in the water mains, and the closing of other gaps. Such closing of gaps, he told the Selectmen, would make pumping of water easier.

Housing Authority

Mrs. Wavie Drew told the Board that the resignation of Gardner Ritchie from the WHA made it imperative that another member be appointed but that she could not think of anyone who would accept such appointment.

Mr. DeFelice: 'The leaders of the Veteran's organizations should get together and nominate somebody for this--they should do something--they must have some civic minded veterans in their organization.'

West Street

Mrs. Drew read a letter she had written to the County Commissioners, with regards to West Street. In the letter she said that TM Cushing had requested a public hearing to relocate the street in 1952, that it had been held in Sept. of that year, but now the Town

Engineer was told that there was no record in the County Commissioner's office. She hoped the County Commissioners would take action, because the street will soon be heavily used, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, while Route 28 is being constructed, and it is in dangerous condition.

Telephone

The meeting ended with a comment by the Town Manager that 'telephone service in this town is going from bad to worse', a statement with which all of the

Selectmen agreed to the point where they voted to write a letter to the Lowell business manager of the telephone company.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH

Rev. Edmund Croke, Pastor

Sunday Masses 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30. Week-day Masses at 7:00 & 7:30am Holy Day Masses at 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 am.

Baptisms are administered at the Rectory each Sunday at 2 pm. No appointment is necessary.

Friday there will be a whist party sponsored by the CDA. Cochairmen are Jean Amaro and May Quandt. Your cooperation in the way of attendance or prize donation will be greatly appreciated.

Next Sunday is Communion Day for the girls of the parish. It is also our 3rd Sunday Building Fund Collection.

The Pilot: subscriptions for the new year are now due. The Pilot furnishes food for thought, strengthens our intellectual convictions and deepens our faith.

Released Time: Too many pupils in the Released Time classes are changing their respective days in order to attend extra curricular activities, such as cheer leading, etc. This makes for confusion. In the future we have to insist that each pupil come on the day assigned to his or her grade.

Aliens: The Chancellor has asked us to remind any of our parish aliens that the law requires them to report their addresses during the month of January. Blanks for this are available at the Postoffice.

Labor Classes: See the bulletin board for the re-opening of the Catholic Labor Guild Classes.

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SWAIN SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The honor roll and perfect attendance record for the months of November and December has been released by the principal, Mrs. Florence Liston.

Room 103 High Honors

David Fuller, Teddy McCormack, Nancy Allen, Linda Clark, Noreen Cornelias, Janet DeGregory, Jacqueline Doucette, Judith Doucette, Gloria Epstein, Donna Fielding, Nancy Howe, Betsy Imbimbo, Patricia Lehr, Charlene Sullivan, Eileen Tupper

Honors

Anthony Aufiero, Kim Burke, Joseph Harrington, Ralph Kelman, Stephen Langone, James MacMullin, Robert Mottolo, James Southmayd, Virginia Babine, Maureen Hayes, Nancy Krasinski, Marilyn McKay, Virginia Shine

Perfect Attendance

Anthony Aufiero, Gary Balsar, David Fuller, Arthur Kelly, Stephen Meade, Robert Mottolo, Noreen Cornelias, Janet DeGregory, Betsy Imbimbo, Charlene Sullivan, Eileen Tupper, Mary Simes

Room 205 High Honors

Muriel Hunnefeld, William Durant, Jean Laffin, Geraldine McCue, Eileen O'Connell, Carol Arsenault, Linda Arsenault, Cathy Bousfield, Joanne Baker, Lorraine Yentile

Honors

Robert Carlson, Herbert Brown, Alice Chisolm, John La Dow, Jacqueline Shemkus, Patricia Allen, Paul Sowden, William Cotter, Raynor Metcalfe

Perfect Attendance

Alice Chisolm, Geraldine McCue, Herbert Brown, Richard Lee, David Fuller

Room 106 High Honors

Virginia Cole, Judy Fuller, Carole Kasabuski, Lorraine Matthews, Beverly Wiseman

Honors

Elizabeth Brisbois, Nancy Elwell, Richard Froton, Marilyn Goosner, Annabelle Hastings, Anita Hendricks, Edward Lewis, Dorothy Sanborn

Perfect Attendance

John Block, Alfred Fairbrother, Karen Fisher, Walter Hale, Annabelle Hastings, Edward Melischuk, Barbara Melcalfe, George Shaw, Donald Smalley, Charles Vasconcellas, Beverly Wiseman

Room 102 High Honors

Betsy Ann Flight, Anne MacDougall, Dorothy Widger

Honors

Cheryl Bennett, Nancy Cutter, Paul Elliott, Kevin Field, George Lafionatis, Allan Muise, Jeanne Rheaume, John Turner, William Tupper

Perfect Attendance

Nancy Cutter, Paul Elliott, Lawrence Frost, Betsy Ann Flight, Roy MacKenzie, Brian, McLaughlin, Ralph Orne, Jeanne Rheaume, Kathryn Toto, John Weed, Dorothy Widger, Edward Woods

Room 202 High Honors

Judith Carney, Janice Fin-

ney, Marlene Galka, Edward Langone

Honors

Carol Aberle, Eileen Bradley, Peter Collins, Nancy Hastings, Allan Hubbard, John Kelley, Kathleen Kelley, Stanley Marr, Paul O'Leary, Arthur Robson, Robert Small

Perfect Attendance

Robert Carney, Peter Collins, Marlene Galka, Sandra Gilbert, Robert Norris, George Piotte, John Steves, Edward Sullivan

Room 101 High Honors

Patricia Browne, Judith Krasinski, John Robertson, Gail McCormack

Honors

Donald Hubbard, Bonnie Coombs, Elaine Smith, Dennis Crispo, Arthur Zaino, Kathleen Harrington, William Gagnon, John Robbins, Cheryl Nolan, Mary Margaret Sullivan, Martha Patterson, Michael Shelley, Constance Baker, Barbara Beddoes, Nancy Slater

Perfect Attendance

John Boeri, Richard Brabant, Patricia Browne, Dennis Crispo, Rosemary Elliott, Willard Fuller, Judith Krasinski, Daniel MacKay, Barry Mulholland, Cheryl Thibodeau, John Thibodeau, Diane Zaccagnini

Room 205 High Honors

Richard Allard, Virginia Casey, Joanne Cavallaro, Patricia Fiske, Judith Halpin, Donna Kirby, Patricia McCue, Frank Perdicaro, Kathleen Pushee, Richard Silverman.

Honors

Marc Bliss, John Coombs, Douglas Frost, Frederick Frotten, Deborah Gaskill, James Graham, Carol Hastings, James King, Richard McCauley, Estella McLaughlin, Martha Melzar, Richard Pereira, William Sullivan, Marion Taylor, William Wendell.

Perfect Attendance

Richard Allard, Virginia Casey, Frederick Frotten, Deborah Gaskill, David Gilbert, Carol Hastings, Francis McLaughlin, Martha Melzar, Frank Perdicaro, Kathleen Pushee, Richard Silverman, Marion Taylor, William Wendell.

Room 201 High Honors

Miles Anderson, Janice Baldwin, Lois Gallagher, Louise Henderson, William Iovanna, Cheryl McInerney, Elaine McMillan, Ralph Poloian, Joanne Preston.

Honors

Esther Corum, Laura Cote, Pamela de Pascale, Donna Lautz, Albert Mills, Mary O'Connell, Sandra Pearl, Eileen Quimby, Anthony Toti, Richard Wilson.

Perfect Attendance

Janice Baldwin, Joseph Brewster, Esther Corum, Lois Gallagher, William Iovanna, Thomas MacKenzie, Robert Nolan, Anthony Toti, Elaine MacMillan, Ralph Poloian.

Room 203 High Honors

George MacKenzie

Honors

Joseph Albanese, George Blaisdell, Michael Duggan, Margaret Ingemi.

Perfect Attendance

Michael Duggan, Robert Henderson, George MacKenzie, Arthur Rogers.

CARD OF THANKS

To my friends on Fairmeadow Road: I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the help and sympathy given during my recent bereavement.

Mrs. Stephen Gorski

RED HILL COUNTRY CLUB SOLD

Announcement was made recently that the Red Hill Country Club, where many Wilmington men and women have played golf for many years when it has been a public club, has been sold by Harvey Kelch to a group of Boston industrialists.

Headed by Alfred D. Van, the group of sport enthusiasts also includes Al Levine of Brookline, Sheldon Chance of Newton, and Murray J. Kamin of Swampscott. Their purchase, according to papers filed with Middlesex Register William Bailey, comprised 2 parcels of land totaling 135 acres.

To be renamed the Hillcrest Country Club, the property will undergo extensive remodeling and, will eventually include a modern clubhouse, dining room, large swimming pool, cabana club, health and therapy club with steam rooms, a glassed-in solarium and golf course.

When the plans outlined have eventually been completed, the property is expected to be in the vicinity of a million dollar investment, and its new owners anticipate that it will be a great asset to the community of North Reading.

Although the dining room will probably be opened to the public, it is expected that the club will be reopened on a membership basis.

It has been announced that the club will probably be closed for a few weeks, for renovations. Harvey Kelch, the former owner, plans to make his home on North St. in North Reading for the present and will assist the new owners in an advisory capacity.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Boston, December 5, 1955

Notice is hereby given, That, on the twenty-ninth day of September, in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-five, Industrial Warehouse Corp. of Wilmington was duly licensed to be a Public warehouseman within and for the town of Wilmington; and that they have given Bond as required by Law for the faithful discharge of the duties of a Public warehouseman.

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WEEK OF JAN. 16

MONDAY Baked Macorini and Cheese with Tomatoes, Tossed Salad, Bread & Butter, Cookies, Milk.

TUESDAY Cheeseburgers, Parsley Potatoes, Buttered Green Beans, Orange & Grapefruit sections, Milk.

WEDNESDAY New England

Boiled Dinner (Smoked Shoulder, Boiled Potatoes and Buttered Carrots) Cold Slaw, Bread & Butter, Apples.

THURSDAY Corn Chowder, Ham Sandwich, Buttered Peas, Apricot whip, Milk.

FRIDAY Orange Juice, American Style Pizza, Potato Chips, Buttered spinach, Frosted Cake, Milk.

(Publisher's Note - Stories and pictures appearing on this page were intended to be published in last week's issue of the Town Crier, but had to be omitted for lack of space.)

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Peter Leavitt, a fireman in the United States Coast Guard, arrived home last Thursday to visit his parents, Mr and Mrs Frank F. Leavitt of 9 Hathaway Road, North Wilmington. Mr Leavitt is on leave for six weeks after being stationed on the Coast Guard Cutter 'Castle Rock', a weather patrol ship in the North Atlantic. Leavitt has been of the coast of Greenland and Newfoundland, and expects to return from Boston to the same area with Charles F. Walsh of Aldrich Road, also stationed on the same ship.

Mr and Mrs Herbert Damon (Margaret Neilson) and their three children, Edward Susan and Martha came down from their home in North Conway NH to visit Mrs. Damon's parents, Mr and Mrs Edward Neilson of Glen Road over the Christmas weekend. Mr. Norman Neilson and his wife and three little girls and his brother Richard, with his wife and son and daughter, all from Reading, also visited their parents, Mr and Mrs Edward M. Neilson for Christmas.

Charles E. Crotty AT2, son of Mr and Mrs Charles E. Crotty of Silverhurst Ave. arrived home for a surprise visit last Sunday evening, New Year's Day. He flew from the Argentinia Naval Base in Newfoundland, where he is in charge of the electrical shop. Crotty graduated from the Air School in Jacksonville, Florida, and the school of electronics in Memphis Tennessee, and has been working on radar. Before Argentinia he was stationed at the Patuxent River Naval Base in Maryland. While he is in flight he is the radio man aboard the plane, and he has just recently received his HAM license. Crotty has served 3 and one half years, in the Navy and expects to be discharged next June. His stay with his family was a short one as he flew back to Argentinia from Quonset last Tuesday morning.

PILOTING COURSE AT EVENING PRACTICAL ARTS SCHOOL

An annual piloting course, sponsored by the Broad Sound Squadron of the United States Power Squadron, started on Wednesday, Jan. 11th, at the Wilmington High School. All persons who are citizens of the United States are eligible to take this free course in small boat handling.

Subjects to be taught in the ten lecture course are equipment and regulations, rules of the nautical road, seamanship, safety afloat, compass, aids to navigation, charts and piloting. The course is offered free to all, and ownership of a boat is not required. By attending squadron classes one can acquire the know-how and skills which will greatly increase the safety in boating as well as the pleasure and satisfaction to be derived from it.

The Instructor is Erwin Hanke, Carolyn Road, North

Wilmington. He is an engineer by profession at Raytheon, in South Lowell, and owns a 16 foot sailboat, which he sailed at Swampscott during the past year, and which he intends to be sailing at Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield this coming summer.

JEANNE ASHWORTH WINS FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP OF YEAR

Miss Jeanne Ashworth, Church Street, holder of two North American Speed Skating Titles has won her first championship of 1956. She won the Glenn Falls (N.Y.) championship, at Glenn Falls, in a two day meet that ended Monday afternoon, making a clean sweep, and winning the Gold Medal.

Miss Nancy Weinberg, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myer Weinberg of Salem Street won third place in the Pee Wee race, and a Bronze Medal.

About 250 contestants took part, but only two from the Wilmington Club.

TOWN NOTES (from last week) First Physician

As we reported last week, our copy on the death of Dr. Daniel T. Buzzell was a clipping from the Wilmington News of 25 years ago. We have since noted that Dr. Buzzell was 'Wilmington's first physician'.

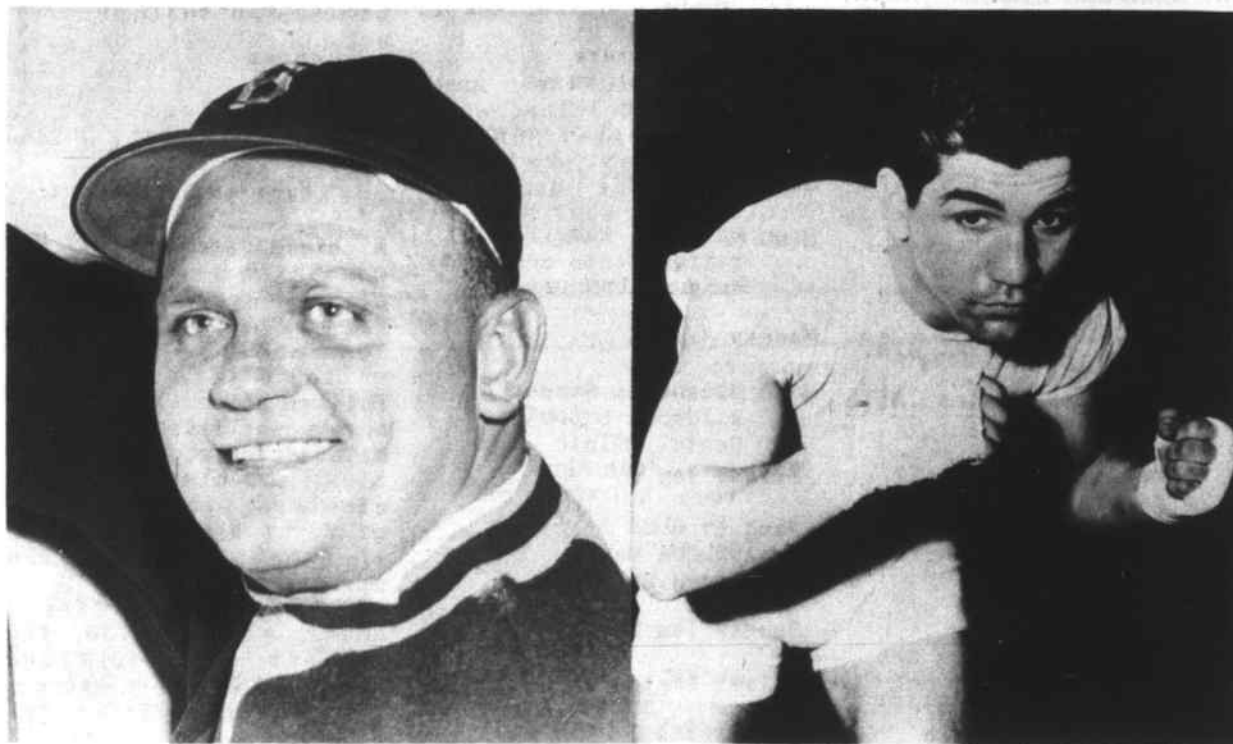
That, of course, is not true! Wilmington's first physician, so far as we have been able to discover, was a Dr. Jabez Brown, who lived on what is now High Street, during the Revolutionary War. At that time it was not a street, just a little lane, that was called 'Hardscrabble', because of the clay in the land around there--clay makes for poor farming.

We have only two references to Dr. Brown, so far as we have discovered to date. One is in the Reading records where 'Dr. Jabez Brown of Wilmington' was paid for treating some of Reading's indigent poor, and the other was found by Atty. Paul Emmons, while clearing titles for land. In fact it was Mr. Emmons who found out where Dr. Brown lived, in the first house on the site of the site of the present home of Mr. Lally. (Mr. Lally's home is the third on that site.)

Dr. Jabez Brown must not be confused with Dr. Silas Brown, who moved to Wilmington from Dracut in 1816 or thereabouts, and lived in the big house at the corner of Salem and Woburn Streets. The two men were not related in any way, we believe.

Sports

Our football team, during the past season had a very enviable record. Absolutely 100%. Not one win, not even against Tewksbury. We felt like writing to Steve Allen about it, and seeing what he would do



TO TAKE PART IN THE ST. THOMAS SPORTS NITE ON JAN 20TH
Mike Holovak, Boston College Coach (left) and Tony De Marco, rated as the gamest fighter in the business today, two of those who are to appear at the St. Thomas Sports Nite, in Villanova Hall, on Jan. 20th

when he came to his Fearless Football Forecasts.

Maybe our basketball team will have a different story. The boys went to Lowell last Friday for a 'scrimmage' (practice-unofficial) game with Lowell Trade School. Our boy won! 49 to 42. They tell us that our big tall ranging center 'Chuck' Rounds scored 19 of the points.

It might even be worth our while to go to one of the Basketball games, this winter.

(Incidentally, Tewksbury scored 70 points against Lowell Trade, if that means any thing to the boys who like to 'dope' things out).

Ice

We wish we were able to measure the thickness of the ice on Silver Lake. There has been so much cold weather, and so little snow that we wouldn't be surprised to find ice two feet thick. But, we don't know and we for one don't intend to stand out in the cold air chopping away at the ice just to satisfy our curiosity.

Incidentally, ice fishing should be very very good, if anyone wanted to take the trouble to chop through. The first open hole, after several weeks of solid ice, is the first chance for oxygen to get

into the water, and all the fish are attracted to that hole. We knew a fellow once who caught 33 pickerel, in two hours, at Silver Lake, when he chopped the first hole of the season.

If anybody does get curious we hope he lets us know the results.

The Shawsheen Avenue cranberry bog has had a sand treatment this winter the first in several years. Some of the youngsters don't think it is exactly cricket to spread sand on the ice, but it is very good business in the cranberry game. The sand settles down among the vines

after the ice melts, and then serves as a mulch, to keep out weeds.

It is an old Wilmington trick, but it is the first time we have seen it for some years.

Chains

We heard a story the other day which we just can't keep to ourselves. Of course we shan't use any names.

It seems that a certain person had occasion to call one of the members of a Wilmington Board, about 10 p.m. one evening. The member and his wife had gone out for the evening, and left a baby sitter in charge. The baby sitter had fallen asleep, and a youngster heard the telephone, climbed out of bed, and told the caller that 'Mama and Daddy have gone out'.

The caller was horrified, and assumed that the children were home alone, so another member of that same board was immediately called, and apprised of the terrible situation.

'Hm', he said, 'The kid must have slipped out of his chains' 'They always chain their kids in bed when they go out'.

\$5 000

Several years ago we wrote a story about the Jaquith house, on the corner of Clark and Main Streets, and how a man committed suicide in a barn there, after supposedly withdrawing \$5000. from a bank. We related how the money had been searched for, high and low, by people who believed the story, with one man tearing down the barn, piece by piece looking for the \$5000.

The other day we found time to visit the new owners, the real estate firm of Lyons and Angell. We found the interior of the building much changed. The gentleman who owned the building had torn down many walls, and put up new ones. Perhaps he believed the story, and perhaps he didn't, but he didn't find the money!

Skating Club

Our nationally famous Wilmington Skating Club is getting ready for a busy season, down on Chestnut Street. The rink, which is exactly the same size as Boston Garden, looks as though it might be finished completely, this year, after 10 years of work.

Bucky Backman, the World's Champion Skate Sharpener, and his helpers are on their way to putting up the board fence that goes with the rink. It must be exactly 40 inches high, to conform to the Boston Garden, and Bucky needs some more boards. Any kind will do, he says, as long as they are 42 inches long. (He also could stand some more volunteer labor, all you Hockey Players!)

Mrs. Backman and George Spanos are in charge of recruiting more members, this year. Membership costs only 50 cents, and is open to anyone in Wilmington. It entitles a person to use the rink, and perhaps get a few minutes of Bucky's time--the time that has developed at least half a dozen National Skating champions in our Wilmington Skating Club.

Even if you don't skate you should belong--The club is Wilmington's National Asset!

Suspicious Cop

The first motorist to run into trouble, on New Year's Eve, in Wilmington, hadn't even been imbibing in that liquid which is supposed to bring trouble to motorists on that day. It just happened that he had registered his car in Massachusetts, after having had out-of-state plates, and at noon on Saturday he put his new plates on, for the first time. The plates had the letter 'N' which is being issued for the first time in 1956.

One of our local gendarmes saw the plates. They didn't look right to him. He stopped our friend and made him prove that the car was legally registered, before he would let our friend proceed.

COMING EVENTS

(Please call OL 8-2973 to list events in this column. No calls accepted after Monday Noon for listing.)

Thursday Jan. 12

- 12:00 noon North Branch at the Parish House--Dessert served
2:00 Handy Hands at Mrs. Leonard's
3:15 Girl Scouts at Mrs. Brown's
3:15 Brownies at Mrs. Site man's
3:15 Busy Needles
6:30 ME Boys Basketball
7:30 Rainbow Girls at Masonic Hall
8:00 Herb paly Com. Leg Hall

Friday Jan. 13

- Blue Crutch Day
3:15 G. Scouts Walker Sch
3:15 Brownies Walker Sch
3:30 G. Scouts ME Church
7:00 Cong. Junior High Basketball
7:30 Boy Scouts Troop 57 at SLBA
8:30 Whist at St. Dorothy's

Saturday Jan 14 and Sunday Jan 15

Second annual Skating Carnival at Wilmington Skating Club

Monday Jan 16

- 2:30 Girl Scouts at Library
3:15 Brownies at Wildwood Sch
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3:30 Brownies at Mrs. Anderson's
3:30 Hobby Club
3:30 Girl Scouts at Mrs. Hancock's
3:30 Girl Scouts at ME Church
3:45 Girl Scouts at Mrs. Sawyer's
6:00 PTA Casserole Supper High School
7:00 Congl. Senior High Basketball

Tuesday Jan 17

- 3:00 Girl Scouts at Congl. Church
3:15 Girl Scouts at Mrs. A. Blake's
3:15 Girl Scouts at Mrs. M. Butt's
3:15 Girl Scouts at Mrs. Lyon's
3:30 Brownies at ME Church
8:00 Pack 58 Com. Center Sch.

Wednesday Jan 18

- 1:00 Center Branch Meeting
3:15 Brownies at Mrs. O'Hare's
7:00 Troop 56 at Congl. Church
7:30 Power Squadron Course at WHS
8:00 Friendship Lodge, AF and AM at Masonic Hall
8:00 Pilot Group at ME Church
8:00 Regular Meetin of the

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DAV

Friday Jan 20

- 8:00 Sports Night at Villanova
8:30 Whist-St. Dorothy's

Saturday Jan 21

- 8:00 DAV Aux. Whist Party refreshments and penny sale at DAV Hall

Monday Jan 23

- 6:30 Spaghetti Supper at Wildwood School for Dental Clinic

Friday Jan 27

- Pack 27 SLBA
Junior CDA Dance
Villanova Hall

Sunday Jan 29

- Silver Skates in Boston

Friday Feb 3

- St. Thomas Reunion

Sunday Feb 5

- Mother's March

Tuesday Feb 21

- Annual Military Ball
VFW

Friday Mar. 16

- 'Circus Priest'

Wedding...

MISS LILLIAN GUIFFRE
BECOMES BRIDE OF
PENNSYLVANIA MAN



Miss Lillian Frances Guiffre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Guiffre, 3 Wiser Street, became the bride of Samuel Denwood Lewis, son of Mrs. Donald Tiffany of Hallstead, Pennsylvania, last Saturday, in a ceremony at St. Thomas Church.

In a princess style white lace gown with round collar trimmed with sequins, long pointed sleeves, a tight bodice, flare skirt, lace covered train, and a shoulder length veil of white net, held by a net and sequin crown, and white kid shoes, the bride completed her ensemble with a large bouquet of white carnations, having a white orchid in the centre.

Miss Joan Kisstle of Tewksbury, a friend of the bride, served as Maid of Honor. She was gowned in light blue taffeta, with an off the shoulder collar, knitted bodice and a flare

skirt with velvet bow streamers in back. She wore a light blue crown with velvet leaves, pearls and a veil, dark blue gloves and royal blue shoes and carried a bouquet of scarlet sim carnations.

The bridesmaids, Miss Martha Ross of Wilmington, a friend of the bride, Miss Charlotte Lewis of Hallstead, Pennsylvania, sister of the groom, and Miss Roberta Theis, of the United States Navy, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, wore gowns like that of the Maid of Honor, but in royal blue, and with light blue crowns, gloves and shoes of royal blue. They carried bouquets of yellow carnations.

Miss Judith Guiffre, a cousin of the bride, from Everett, was the flower girl, and was very attractively dressed in a light blue hoop gown of lace, a hat to match the bridesmaids, and carried an old fashioned bouquet.

The ring bearer, clad in a tuxedo, was little Joseph Guarino of East Boston, a friend of the bride, and he carried a white heart shaped pillow, for the ring.

Best Man was Mr. Howard Lewis of Hallstead, Pennsylvania, a brother of the groom.

Mr. Peter Guiffre, and Mr. Paul Guiffre, brothers of the bride, and Mr. Charles Stockholm of Hallstead, Pennsylvania, a friend of the groom, were the ushers.

The Reverend Father Joseph Leahy united the couple in marriage. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

After the ceremony a reception was given to the newly married couple in the Grange Hall, with the guest book in charge of Miss Marilyn Lewis, a sister of the groom. For her costume in the reception line the mother of the bride chose a pink brocade gown, with an off the shoulder collar, a flare skirt, pink hat, black velvet accessories, and white gloves, and wore a purple orchid. Mrs. Tiffany, the mother of the groom, chose a gown of beige, with an off the shoulder collar, and a high bow in back, and a matching hat of beige. She wore black shoes, and an orchid.

The music during the reception was by Paul Lombardo's orchestra, of Boston.

For her going away costume the new Mrs. Lewis chose a costume of Navy, with white collars and cuffs, white hat, blue coat, and black accessories and shoes. She wore a white orchid in her coat.

Mrs. Lewis and her husband have both served in the United States Navy. She studied in Wilmington High School, and graduated from the Girls Vocational School in Lowell, before entering the Waves.

Her husband is a professional horse trainer, and after the honeymoon the newly married couple will make their home in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

FRANCES AMATO BECOMES
NEW YEARS BRIDE

Saint Thomas church was

the scene of a New Year's Day wedding, as Miss Frances Amato, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Amato of Salem Street became the bride of John Pec, son of Mrs. Pauline Pec of Salem St. In a pink and blue sequin trimmed white satin torso style gown, with a full skirt of scalloped lace, and a long lace train, the bride was given in marriage by her father. Her crown, matching the gown, with pink and blue sequins, supported a finger tip veil.

Miss Patricia Amato, sister of the bride, was Maid of Honor, and she wore a gown of deep pink satin and net.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Rosalie Cuoco, Jo Ann Sciascia and Mary Sciascia, all of Wilmington, and Miss Mildred Young of Tewksbury, all of whom were gowned in deep satin and net.

Little Lois McLaughlin, a cousin of the bride, was the flower girl, and the Ring Bearer was the bride's brother, John Amato.

Mr. Louis Picanso, of North Wilmington, a brother-in-law of the groom, was Best Man. The ushers were Mr. Harvey Pec and Mr. Joseph Rexford, both of Wilmington, and Mr. Charles Levielle and Mr. George Catanelos, both of Somerville.

The Reverend Edmund W. Croke, Pastor of St. Thomas, united the couple in marriage.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the Grange Hall.

The newly-weds are now enjoying a honeymoon in New York after which they will

make their home on Salem street, in North Wilmington



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Wendell of 16 Grove Avenue announce the engagement of their daughter, Arlene Marie Muse, to Fred Lehr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lehr of 29 Warren Road. Miss Muse is a graduate of Wilmington High School and is now attending the Compotometer School in Boston. Mr. Lehr is a graduate of Reading High School, a veteran of four years service in the United States Air Force and is presently employed at Sylvania in Woburn. A Spring wedding is planned.

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